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January 5, 2010

The Honorable Peter R. Orszag  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Orszag:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Michael Bloomberg", written over the word "Orszag" in the salutation.

As you are well aware, the suspected perpetrators of the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil will soon be brought to New York City to face criminal prosecution. The City of New York will provide the security necessary to ensure public safety, not only while the suspects are on trial, but throughout the entire time the suspects are detained in New York City.

I want to express my strong support of Senator Charles E. Schumer's proposal that President Obama include a separate line in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2011 budget that devotes federal funding to reimburse the NYPD and other local law enforcement for the full costs of providing security for the upcoming trials.

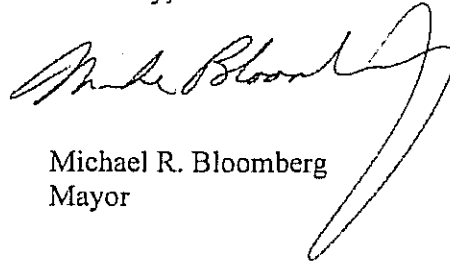
The City of New York's financial resources are in short supply, and we have been forced to reduce our Police Department's headcount. Thus, securing the trial will require us to pull existing personnel from crime prevention efforts around the City and require significant overtime expenses. As 9/11 was an attack on the entire nation, we need the federal government to shoulder the significant costs we will incur and ease this burden.

We estimate the cost for security operations will be approximately \$216 million for the first year and \$206 million annually in subsequent years. This includes personnel costs of more than \$200 million annually and equipment costs of \$12.5 million in the first year and \$2.5 million in subsequent years. We have shared our security plans and estimated costs with the Justice Department as we work with our federal partners to prepare for the trials.

I want to assure you that our estimates, while significant, are real and not the result of any expectation that we will receive a "blank check." For the sake of comparison, the cost of policing the Republican National Convention in 2004 was \$50 million and that event was less than a week long. The security arrangements for the incarceration and trial periods will be need to be in place around the clock over a period of years.

If you or your staff has any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Deputy Mayor Edward Skyler at (212) 788-3191. We remain eager to support your efforts to bring justice to those who perpetrated this devastating attack on our City and our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Bloomberg", with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor

cc: Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr.  
Senator Charles E. Schumer  
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
New York State Congressional Delegation  
Deputy Mayor Edward Skyler  
Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly